

**SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON
Friday, July 7, 2006
10 a.m., MST**

The External Affairs Committee (EAC) of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) met in regular session in the 14th Floor Conference Room of the ASRS Office, 3300 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85012. Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

This meeting was teleconferenced to the ASRS Tucson office at 7660 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite 108, Tucson, Arizona, 85710.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Opening Remarks

Present: Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson – Teleconferenced
 Mr. Steven Zeman, Vice-Chairperson - Teleconferenced
 Dr. Keith Meredith - Teleconferenced
 Mr. Christopher Harris - Teleconferenced

A quorum of the Committee was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 5, 2006 EAC Meeting

Mr. Harris moved that the External Affairs Committee approve the minutes of the May 5, 2006 EAC meeting.

Mr. Zeman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Article 7, Contributions Not Withheld. Ms. Nancy Johnson, Rules Coordinator, presented the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Article 7, Contributions Not Withheld. The rule was reviewed at the March EAC meeting. The changes were minor and the rule is ready to be sent to the Board.

Mr. Zeman moved that the External Affairs Committee recommend to the Board that the Board approve the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Article 7, Contributions Not Withheld.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Presentation, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Legislation for the 2006 Legislative Session Relating to the ASRS.** Ms. Shirley Gunther, ASRS Government Relations Officer, presented a short wrap-up of the legislation submitted by the ASRS for the 2006 Legislative Session. The Legislature adjourned on June 22 at 12:12 am. It was the 5th longest session at 164 days. Of the 9 bills that ASRS submitted, 6 were signed by the Governor. The 3 bills that were held will be reworked this summer for the EAC to review in October. Ms. Gunther said it was a very successful year and thanked everyone for their assistance.

Successful Legislation included:

- 1) **HB 2103** ASRS Local Termination Incentive Program - Signed 4/12, Chp. 106
- 2) **HB 2113** ASRS Continuation - Signed 4/17/06, Chp 125
- 3) **HB 2340** ASRS Deferred Retirement; Repeal - Signed 3/24, Chp. 12
- 4) **SB 1167** ASRS Optional Forms of Retirement - Signed 6/1, Chp. 309
- 5) **SB 1168** ASRS Federal Conforming Changes (Minimum Distribution Requirements, USERRA, Period Certain Beneficiary, Interest Rate) Signed 4/17, Chp. 157
- 6) **SB 1359** Public Retirement Plans; Amendments (ASRS Investment Management Qualifications) - Signed 5/8, Chp. 264

To be revisited in 2007:

- 1) **HB 2101** ASRS Terminated Employees; Contribution Refunds
- 2) **HB 2104** ASRS Retiree Health Care
- 3) **SB 1169** ASRS LTD Program; Offsets

6. **Future EAC Agenda Items** Mr. Jaime Gutierrez
- 1.) The next EAC is scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2006, at 10 a.m.
 - 2.) Proposed rules.

7. **Call to the Public** Mr. Jaime Gutierrez
- There were no comments from the public.

8. **Adjournment of the ASRS External Affairs Committee**

Mr. Gutierrez moved that the External Affairs Committee adjourn.

Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson of the EAC, adjourned the July 7, 2006 meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michelle Fink
Committee Secretary

Date

Patrick M. Klein
Assistant Director, External Affairs

Date